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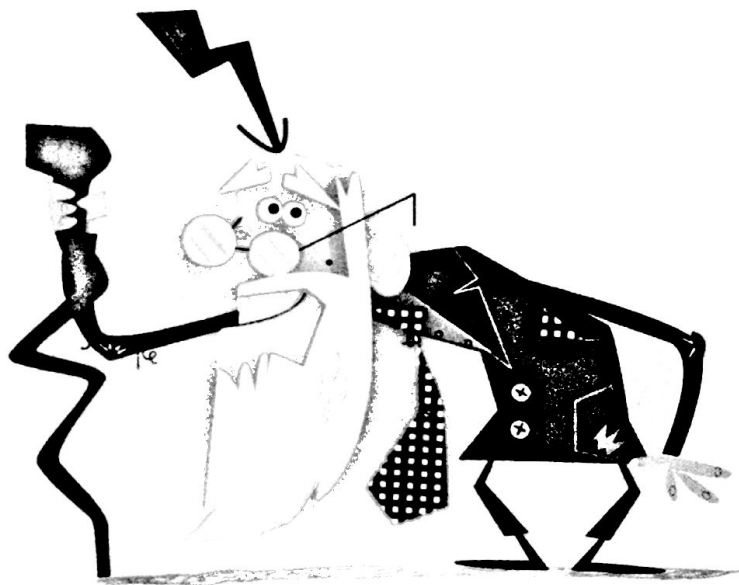
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There was a
crooked man...



...and he walked a
crooked mile.



He found a crooked
sixpence...

...upon a crooked stile.



He bought a
crooked cat...



...which caught a
crooked mouse.



And they all lived
together...

...in a little
crooked house.

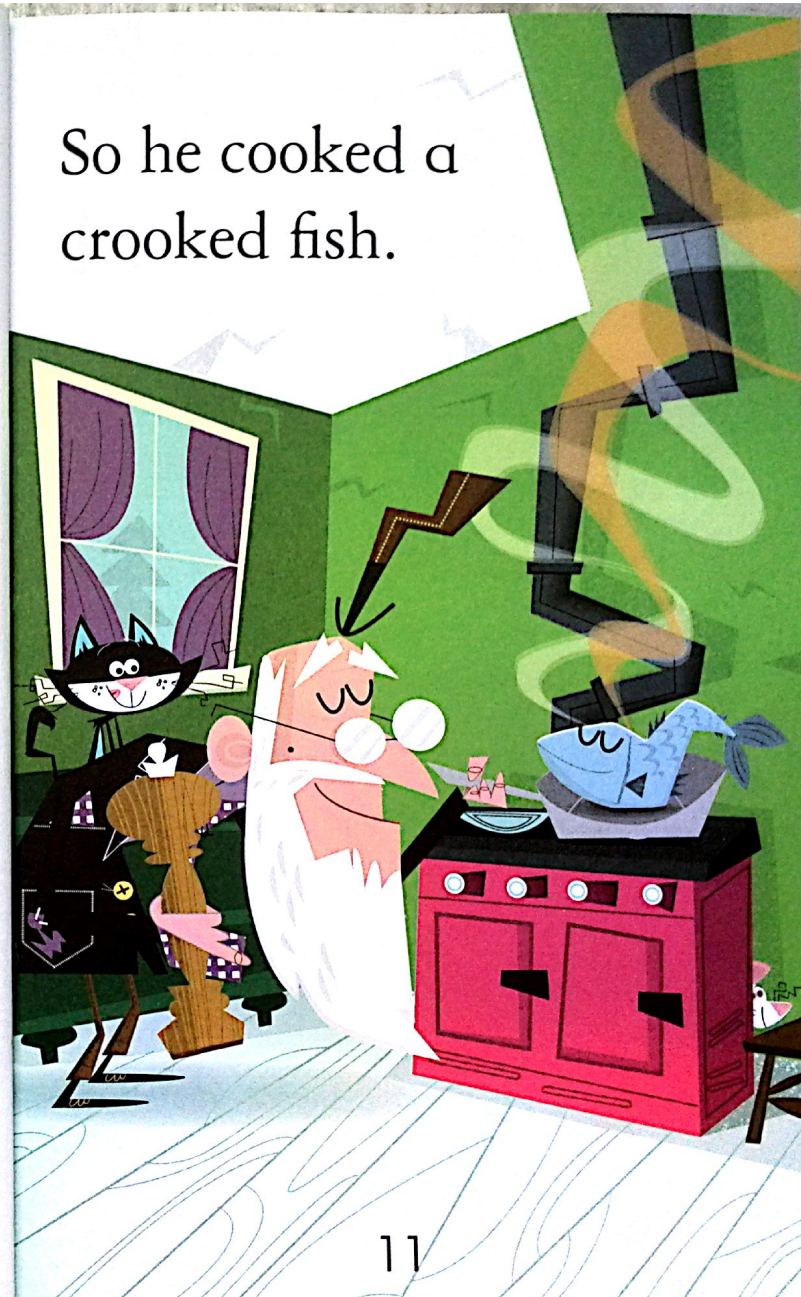


The crooked man
was hungry.



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So he cooked a
crooked fish.



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His crooked cat
could smell it.



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And she snatched it
off the dish.



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The crooked man
was angry.



He chased his cat
outside.



He couldn't see her
anywhere.

She'd found a place
to hide.



The man smelled
something fishy.



So he followed where
it led...



...across his crooked
garden...



...into his crooked shed.



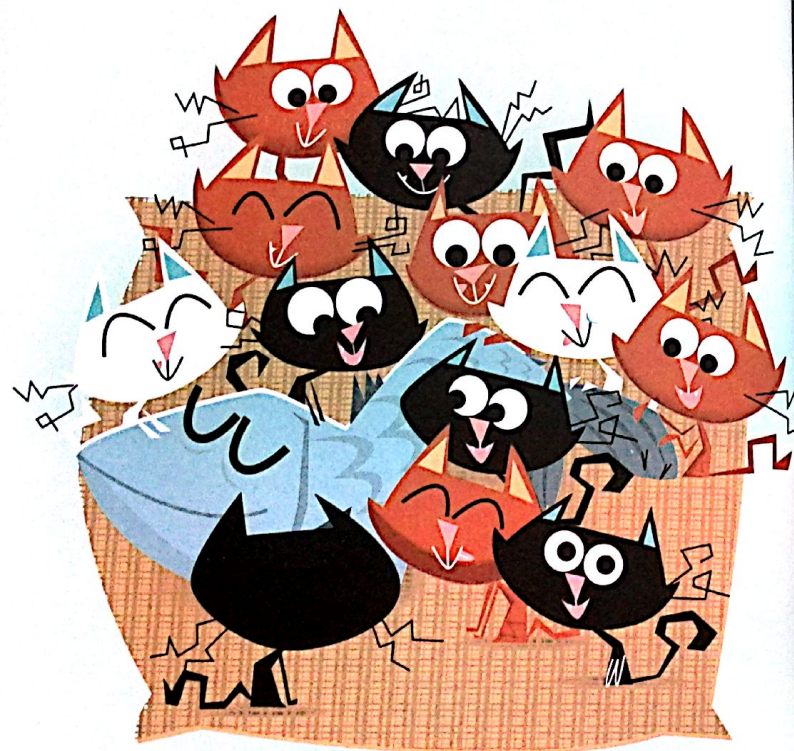
And there upon a
sack...



...snuggled up against
each other...



...were thirteen
hungry kittens...



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...and their kind but
crooked mother.



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PUZZLES

Puzzle 1

Can you spot the differences between these two pictures?
There are six to find.



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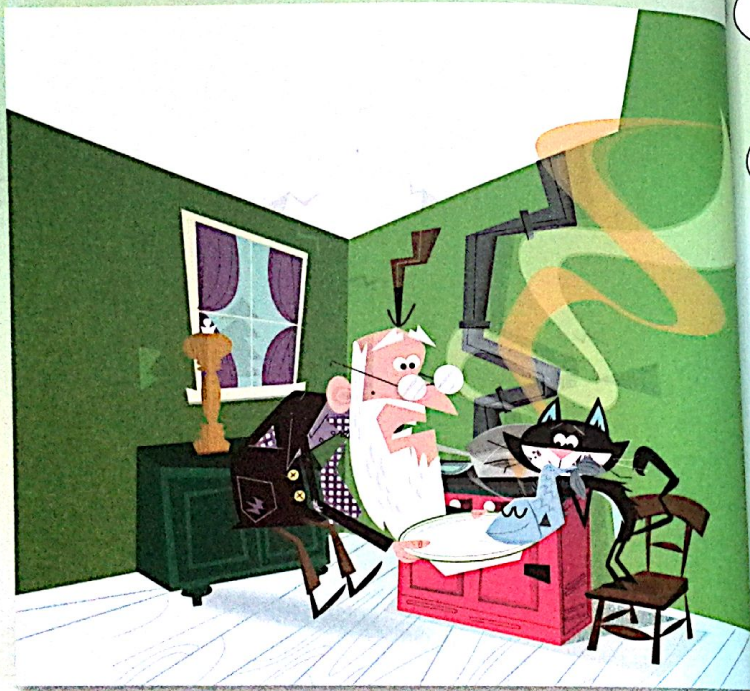
Puzzle 2

Find these things in the picture:

cat

fish

dish



hat

chair

window

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Puzzle 3

Choose the best sentence in each picture.



I'm angry.

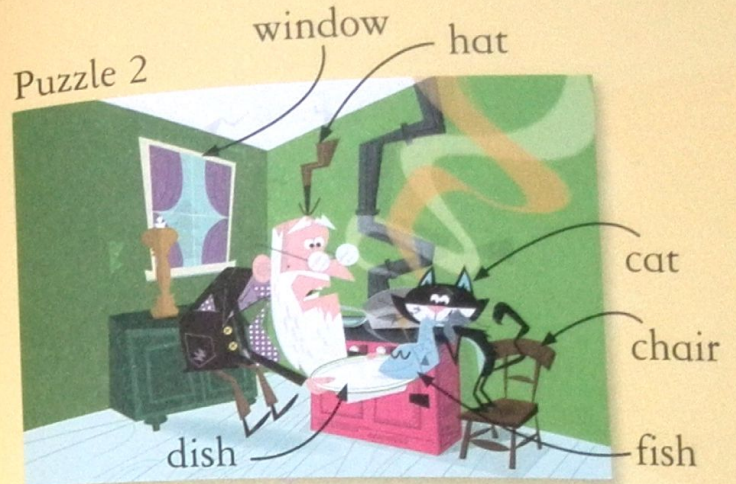
I'm hungry.

Give it back!

Give it away!

Answers to puzzles

Puzzle 1



Puzzle 3



About the story


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